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National Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear National Freedom of Information Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. We hereby request copies of any records associated with a study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on “Climate Change Impacts on the Superfund Program.” EPA describes this study on its website<sup>1</sup> as follows:

“A screening analysis by EPA evaluated how the vulnerabilities may affect soil, sediment, and groundwater remedies involving technologies such as soil vapor extraction, bioremediation, permeable reactive barriers and pump-and-treat (P&T) systems, or involving strategies such as monitored natural attenuation or ex-situ containment. The analysis identified Superfund sites near or within 100-year and 500-year floodplains and Superfund sites within a 1-meter sea level rise zone. Results showed that cleanup projects involving P&T technology for groundwater remediation and on-site systems for containment source containment may be particularly vulnerable to climate change.”

We are seeking any records detailing the parameters and findings of this study. In particular, we request EPA’s findings as to which Superfund sites are located near or within 100-year and 500-year floodplains and within the 1-meter sea level rise zone as well as any additional information generated during this study about the vulnerability of Superfund sites to climate change impacts.

In order to help to determine our status to assess fees, you should know that our Center is part of a noncommercial academic institution, and this request is made for a scholarly purpose and not for a commercial use. If you estimate that fees will be necessary, please inform us first so that we may consent to them.

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<sup>1</sup> EPA, *Superfund Climate Change Adaptation*, <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-climate-change-adaptation>

We request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to our Center is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in my commercial interest. Specifically, it will improve public knowledge about the manner in which climate change may affect sites that contain hazardous substances.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gerrard", written in a cursive style.

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